



Dear parents/carers

It is with great regret that I find myself emailing you this evening with further disappointing news in relation to a partial school closure. This is the consequence of a continued surge in cases at school and, more generally, in the wider Tewkesbury area. This afternoon, I have been in lengthy conversations with the local health protection team at Gloucestershire County Council and regional officials from Public Health England to establish a response to the surge in infections caused by the highly transmissible Delta variant of the virus.

I will offer you more details in due course but, in order to get the message out swiftly this evening, I offer you the following for clarity for tomorrow and thereafter.

**Year 7** School as normal

**Year 8** **8C** no longer need to self-isolate unless deemed to be a close contact of one of the confirmed cases from last week/today or if your child themselves has contracted the virus. **However, remote learning for 8C will now continue with students not returning to school until Monday July 5.**

**8E** now need to self-isolate and start remote learning, returning to school on Monday 5 July. This is due to new positive cases in 8E over the weekend. During this period your children are expected to self-isolate and not leave the home environment.

**Year 9** **9C** no longer need to self-isolate unless deemed to be a close contact of one of the newly confirmed cases from last week/today or if your child themselves has contracted the virus. **However, remote learning for 9C will continue with students not returning to school until Monday July 5.**

**9E** now need to self-isolate and start remote learning, returning to school on Monday 5 July. This is due to new positive cases in 9E over the weekend. During this period your children are expected to self-isolate and not leave the home environment.

**Year 10** School as normal with the exception of those children who have been told to self-isolate as a result of either having Covid or being identified as a close contact of a positive case. It remains our intention to conduct Y10 examinations next week with alternative arrangements being made for those students having to self-isolate.

**Year 12** School as normal. Examinations continue this week.

In summary, all of Y8 and Y9 are expected to complete their learning remotely before returning to school on Monday 5 July. However, 8E and 9E now need to self-isolate due to the rising number of cases in those populations. Y7, Y10 and Y12 will continue with school as normal for the immediate future with the exception of the small number of children who have been contacted separately.

Once again, I would advise all families to ensure their children complete lateral flow tests and log the results on the school and NHS system. Any negative test result during that isolation period for Y8E or 9E children would NOT mean they could return to school nor avoid self-isolation. It would, however, give them and you a degree of reassurance

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that they have not picked up the virus. Please can all Year 8 and 9 students ensure they take and register a negative test result before returning to school on Monday 5 July.

If you require additional testing kits, parents/carers or siblings in school can collect these from visitor reception.

Report your results:

NHS: [HERE](#)

School: [HERE](#)

### **Remote Learning arrangements**

School work will be set and completed remotely as during previous lockdowns. For Y8E and 9E, it may take teachers a day to put this into place due to the short notice they will receive, but they will be delivering video lessons through Google Meet as soon as they have adapted their lesson material. Please check Class Charts regularly to see what work has been set and encourage your child to stick to their usual school timetable. They may be directed to Google Classroom to complete and submit work.

Any students who are self isolating in years 7, 10 and 12 may not have video lessons as their teachers will be teaching the students who are in school. However, they will confirm expectations and will set alternative work for students to do.

If your child is without a suitable device to access remote learning, please let us know immediately so that we can arrange a loan of equipment.

I recognise and sympathise with the upset this update causes to you and your families, the potential impact on your own work and, indeed, any disruption to planned family activities.

I will continue to update you as things develop during the course of the week and thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully



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